Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

February 22, 2007

An act relating to the healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 478, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Physicians and surgeons: loan repayment.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, creates the Medical Board of California that issues a physician and surgeon's certificate to qualified applicants and regulates their practice.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to establish a loan repayment program for educational expenses incurred by a physician and surgeon who practices in an area deficient in physician services or who treats patients who are without health care coverage.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a
- 2 loan repayment program for educational expenses incurred by a
- 3 physician and surgeon who practices in an area in the state that is
- 4 deficient in physician services or who treats patients who are
- 5 without health care coverage.